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Closing of 19th annual Provincial French Pride Week (08/03/20)

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MONCTON (CNB) - Twenty-one people and schools won prizes awarded in the various contests organized in conjunction with Provincial French Pride Week (PFPW), Education Minister Kelly Lamrock announced today.

"On this International Francophonie Day that closes our Provincial French Pride Week, I congratulate the winners and all those who have contributed either directly or indirectly to the celebration of the French language and the Acadian and French cultures of our province," the minister said. "This event fits into the vision of our education plan *When kids come first*, since it serves as a reminder of how crucial a role the school and community play with respect to identity building in the academic success of our young people."

École Le Mascaret in Moncton won the contest for the best slogan in 2008, *"Où que je sois, le français, c'est mon chez-moi"*; the school will receive a laminated poster of the slogan used for the 19th annual Provincial French Pride Week.

Fourteen students from francophone schools in New Brunswick won prizes in the art contest. Their art work was used in the production of the annual PFPW calendar and their prize was a framed version of their winning submission.

Three Grade 12 students were winners of the literary creation contest, and they will receive $1,000 scholarships to Université de Moncton, the only francophone university in New Brunswick.

Artist Rachel Cyr of Bathurst will receive a laminated poster of her work, which represents the theme of PFPW 2008, "La langue française au Nouveau-Brunswick et la francophonie internationale" (the French language in New Brunswick and the international Francophonie).

Since 1998, the Department of Education has sought the contribution of the francophone artistic community by asking an artist to produce the poster for Provincial French Pride Week.

The Department of Education also recognized the contribution of Calixte-F.-Savoie school, host of the 2008 Provincial French Pride Week opening ceremony, by awarding it a souvenir

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prize.

In 2009, it will be the 20th anniversary of the establishment of Provincial French Pride Week. The celebrations will be held in conjunction with the World Acadian Congress. Terre-des-Jeunes school in Paquetville will host the opening ceremony.

"The year 2009 will provide an ideal opportunity to speak up for the linguistic and cultural identity of all young Acadians and francophones in our schools," the minister said. "If we want to give the young people of our province the best possible school system, paving the way for self-sufficiency, we must make all francophone students in New Brunswick proud of their cultural and linguistic identity. The World Acadian Congress is a key step in the identity building of francophone and francophile students, schools, and families in our province."

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Winners for the contests associated with Provincial French Pride Week:

Art contest for K-Grade 3 students:

Valérie Landry, École Camille-Vautour, Saint-Antoine, District 11
Danielle Bénard, École Apollo-XI, Campbellton, District 05
Maxime Dumont, École Ernest-Lang, Saint-François, District 03
Renelle Légère, École Anna-Malenfant, Dieppe, District 01
Adam-Michel Gauvin, École La-Rivière, Pokemouche, District 09

Art contest for Grade 4-8 students:

Mélissa Savoie, École Place-des-Jeunes, Bathurst, District 05
Lisa Doiron, École Le Tremplin, Tracadie-Sheila, District 09
Nicolas Robichaud, École Sainte-Bernadette, Moncton, District 01
Julie Landry, École Père-Edgar-T.-Leblanc, Grand-Barachois, DS 11
Mathieu Fortin, Polyvalente A.-J.-Savoie, Saint-Quentin, District 03

Art contest for Grade 9-12 students:

Carole Richard, Polyvalente Mgr-Marcel-François-Richard, Saint-Louis-de-Kent, District 11
Cynthia Babin, Cité-des-Jeunes-A.-M.-Sormany, Edmundston, District 03
Katrine Noël, École Aux quatre vents, Dalhousie, District 05
Jean-Patrick Chiasson, Polyvalente W.-Arthur-Losier, Tracadie-Sheila, District 09

High school literary creation contest:

Cynthia Babin, Cité-des-Jeunes-A.-M.-Sormany, Edmundston, District 03
Hélène Savoie, Polyvalente W.-A.-Losier, Tracadie-Sheila, District 09
Carole Richard, Polyvalente Mgr-Marcel-François-Richard, Saint-Louis-de-Kent, District 11

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